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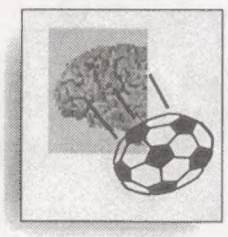

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Officers for '98-'99 school year elected

By Eric Rauh

With the end of another school year comes many changes, including the voting in of the new student cabinet. New theories of productivity and importance of issues always come with the changing of government but some things never change.

The new student body president-elect has one major overall goal, to increase student involvement with cabinet and encourage students to participate in volunteer work outside of school.

"I would like to see credit given to students who participate in activities which give back to our community," said junior Charliè Schwartz, who was elected ASB President earlier this month.

Although ISC does offer credit for areas of volunteer work, Schwartz would like to see any student who participates in the community be given credit. Outgoing president, Davin Sweeney applauds the idea, but is quick to add, "It's easy enough to say something like that in high hopes of it actually being accomplished."

Another issue that Schwartz will focus on is the funding deficit that has plagued Portland Public Schools the past several years.

Schwartz realizes that most of the student body is aware of the school's funding problems but wants to make students more active in solving the crisis. "I'd like to see students writing essays as to what they think about the deficit and what should be done about it," he said.

While all of the incoming cabinet's ideas seem logical and necessary, Sweeney sees one element as being the most important as far as being a successful student representative. "Motivation," he said. "It's hard to have a high level of energy throughout the entire year. Right now I'm almost dead."

Jeff Nelson

▲**The changing of the guard:** Newly elected president Charlie Schwartz basks in his glory with outgoing president Davin Sweeney.

Election results

ASB

President
Charlie Schwartz
Vice President
Marco Gould
Secretary
Erin Breslin
Treasurer
Jonathan Schwartz
Spirit Commissioner
Kerri Breslin
Assembly Commissioner
Elizabeth Niemitz

Eight Executive Representatives will be selected by Student Council during the 1998-1999 school year.

Sophomore

Representative
Trevor Madden
Historian
Katie Welch
Treasurer
Ali Murphy
Secretary
Lindsay Kanton
Devon Maylie
RUN-OFF
Vice President
Raffi Kryszek
Jenny Rasmussen
RUN OFF
President
Arya Imig
Anna Plumb
RUN OFF

Senior

Representative
Mateo Bevington
Abby Buck
Historian
Erika Fey
Treasurer
Coque Dion
Galway O'Mahony
RUN OFF
Secretary
Robin Young
Vice President
Sydney Edlund-Jermain
Niles Lienhart
RUN OFF
President
Robbie Greenman
Michael Nguyen

Junior

Representative
Jon Blostrom
Susan Lim
Historian
Liz VonBergen
Treasurer
Todd Mauritz
Marina Sprinkler
RUN OFF
Secretary
Loey Crooks
Tawny Paul
RUN OFF
Vice President
Shaney Mullen
President
Joe Leineweber

Shooting Stars awarded

Students from 13 schools and eight counties participate in winning program

By Amy Jennaro

The Academic All-Stars program started 15 years ago in an effort to promote outstanding acedemics in public schools. Lincoln's five All-Stars are proving that in an underfunded school system, excellence is alive and well.

Lincoln's winners are as diverse as the catergories they entered. They include seniors Stacy Humes-Schulz, winner in the All-Around, Marissa Isaak, winner in Social Studies, Rachel Myers, winner in Visual Arts, Gerald Palmrose, 2nd place in Math, and Libby Schaub, 2nd place in Foreign Language.

The All-Stars began to fulfill their requirements for the program in October, when they met with French teacher and All-Star adviser Alice Hiser. The most important part of the program is the students portfolios, which contain samples of the student's work in their field as well as information about the students in- and out-of-school activites.

"You must show the depth of your understanding in your field," said Hiser.

Because Lincoln can only enter one candidate in each category, some students had to be filtered out before the finalists' portfolios were sent to the Multnomah Education Service District Foundation, which runs the competition.

According to Hiser, Lincoln has had more than one finalist every year since the program's inception and last year had finalists in eight of the nine categories. But the requirements for the program don't end with the candidates turning in their portfolios. Each student also was judged by association members.

"It was like a college interview," said Humes-Schulz. "They asked you why they should pick you."

Students from 13 schools and eight counties participated in the competition and, despite the fact that only four candidates from each category were awarded scholarships, Hiser sees them all as winners.

"I enjoy seeing so many outstanding students that are products of public schools," she said.

Essay contest supports schools

By Jacob Oken-Berg

The Executive Council wants one students' voice to be heard throughout Oregon. The council is sponsoring an essay contest that will award one winner $150 for his or her essay on the topic of budget cuts in the public schools.

"We thought that it was important for people to get their thoughts about these budget cuts down on paper," said ASB president Davin Sweeney. "One of our greatest fears with this budget battle is that once students leave the public schools, so will their memories and stories of the changes they've experienced."

Entries will be accepted until May 13 in Room 104 and should be 250-500 words. All essays will be sent to local and state officers including Mayor Vera Katz and state legislators.

Parlez vous francais?

By Amy Jennaro

Libby Schaub was in the seventh grade when she first became interested in learning French.

In the years leading up to her 2nd place finish in the Foreign Language category of the Academic All-Star competition, she took two trips to France.

"I picked [French] up and I really liked it," said Schaub, senior.

According to Schaub, it was her French teacher and the All-Star Adviser, Alice Hiser, who encouraged her to get involved in the competition.

"Madame Hiser talked to me about it and told me I might be interested in doing it," said Schaub.

In the future, Schaub will continue to use her French skills but in a different way, as a skilled singer who performs French opera.

Those abilities will lead her to the State Vocal Competition in May and a bilingual future.

May Fete court

Once again, it's time to honor outstanding seniors who were chosen by faculty nominations and then a final vote by the senior class cabinet. Here are the nominees:

Male Court Members:	Female Court Members:
Jason Franklin	Megan Harris
Hunt Miller	Mei Shan Huang
Wasim Rahman	Molly Montgomery
Mark Samco	Miranda Weigler
Brian Simmonds	Karen Zotter

▶ **Poking out:** Signs of spring are found all over campus, like this tulip.

Things are springing up!

Spring is here and The Cardinal Times has noticed that as the flowers come out, so do the students.

▲ **Fun in the sun:** Outdoor activities increase with the approach of summer break as demonstrated a skateboarder near the front lawn.

Photos By: Jeff Nelson

▶ **Hot stuff:** Recent warm weather found many students in shorts and sandals.

"Our Bards are fam'd who strike the silver wire: Our youth are bolder than the southern swains: Our maidens fairer in the sprightly dance: We lack not songs, nor instruments of joy, Nor echoes sweet nor waters clear as heaven, Nor laurel wreaths against the sultry heat."

These words were written by William Blake in his poem "To Summer." Looking into the courtyard one can see that "To Summer" is more than just a poem, it is an expression of our youthful enjoyment of the season. Like Blake, Lincoln students revel in the absolute freedom which is so easily attained on summer days. Just ask the attendance office secretary, she can show conclusively that Lincoln students are far more likely to be missing in action on days when the ambient temperature is above 70 degrees Fahrenheit. What inspires these students to go over the hill rather than to class? Perhaps they are inspired by the same forces which cause the birds to sing and flowers to bloom. Yeah... right.

By Lach Litwer-Mos

▲ **Big bloom:** This bloom from the front lawn is one of many in the beds found around campus.

Shakespeare lives again

By Pernilla Nathan

Shakespeare returns to the Lincoln stage after a seven year absence with the drama production "The Comedy of Errors." The 42-member cast has been rehearsing for over a month every day after school and on Saturdays.

The comedy is about two sets of twins separated at birth: the Antipholuses, played by senior Ted Dervin and junior Paul Suzi; and the Dromios, played by junior Tony McCollum and sophmore Monica Saito. Unknowningly they end up in the same town, Ephisus, causing great commotion, because everyone gets them confused.

To help the audience follow the events of the play, an ensemble consisting of 14 members acts as a bridge with the actors. An octet will be singing and performing all sound effects.

The ensemble also helps the audience understand the language. To assist the cast in learning the language and text, drama teacher Jim Peerenboom invited Linda Hayden, a physical comedy coach. "She helped with giving an idea of Comedy del Arte, and gave insight to our own characters," said junior Oriana Lewton-Leopold, who will be playing Luce. "The language is very challenging and is also quite a task to memorize. We know that the average audience picks up one word of Shakespearian dialect a line. So comprehension is vital," added senior Anna Campbell. She is playing Adrianna, the wife of Antipholus of Ephesus. Commedia del' Arte is a highly physical improvisation of humor. "The best example would be the Looney Tunes," said Peerenboom.

He has had other community members come help with the production as well. John Ares, a professional lighting designer, is working with the lighting and Larry Hutson, technical director, is assisting with the construction of the set. "It's nice to have the community involved with helping us, especially when that is supposedly what we(the school) are striving for," said Peerenboom.

Jeff Nelson

▲ **Comedy of Errors:** The cast prepares for opening night

The play is May 1,2,7,8,and 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for students. "It is going to be an amazing," said Campbell.

Bathroom Expose

By Jeff Nelson

"Dogs have personality," said Samuel Jackson in the movie "Pulp Fiction." But based on the current state of the bathrooms, some students don't. Students have been defacing the bathrooms for many years, but lately it has been turning down right vile. "The girls' bathroom by the gym is usually the worst," says Solomon David, night custodian. "We expect that there's going to be more garbage, but the thing is the girls don't use the special (Tampon) wastebaskets that we have for them or they decide to do 'art' with it. It gets ridiculous."

> Sometimes the girls decide to do art [with tampons].
>
> *Solomon David*
> CUSTODIAN

Ken Fong, administrative vice principal, agrees. "That kind of behavior would be considered vandalism," he said. "If it were repeated then it would lead to a suspension." Fong has not taken any disciplinary action yet, "It's difficult to catch people in the act," he said. Senior Class president Jereme Axelrod said he "thought we left this stuff back at elementary school. Some practical joke, eh?" when he saw toilet paper totally covering one toilet and two other stalls locked from the inside.

Solomon is also worried about how the trash looks to parents and the community. "You have small children going in there after school during sporting events and if it's like that, then it's a health hazard," he said, "It's not sanitary."

"Every day the restrooms are sanitized," David continued. Unfortunately, he added, "People go in there with cuts, bloody noses, nasal infections and colds. Then they wipe their fluids on the walls. There's toilet paper for that; that is just commom courtesy."

Once in the boys' bathroom by the gym two toilets were damaged and wouldn't flush. "We constantly shut the stall entrance and locked it," said David. "They would crawl under there and open it up. Then they would put pop cans in there and a sweat shirt and drivel on top of that, then make some art work with it."

Presently, the doors are open to the boys' bathrooms and campus monitor Josh Pomeroy makes random checks throughout the day.

When torture pays off

Pernilla Nathan

For 10 long years I endured abuse. No matter how hard I pleaded and begged, I was forced to play the piano. My parents felt it was an important part of the "education" process. The worst part was taking syllabus, a yearly exam which tests one's theory skill and musical skills. I hated it with a passion. It is not fun when you can't just play for fun.

I really feel terrible for all my piano teachers. I was the worst student. My lessons were always long and repetitive with once-in-a-blue moon accomplishments. None of my teachers really screamed at me, but if I were my student, I would have set me straight and refused to teach until I got with it.

But, now with my last syllabus coming up this weekend, I have noticed a change. The pieces I used to only care to clonk on the keys I now play with passion and muscical shape. I still envy my friends to whom music comes so naturally, but maybe my time is coming.

I never would have thought I could have fun at my lessons. Learning theory is still not great fun, but I have passed the stage of learning the basics to where it is possible for me to learn any piece I choose. All it would take is a little hard work, but it won't be as gruelling and tortuous.

Maybe for once my parents were right. Music is important part of our education. I have learned a skill (which hopefully I will keep up) that many will envy and one I will have in common with others. Not only that, but it is nice knowing the names of composers, their unique composition styles, important time periods, and music vocabulary. These are things I would have never otherwise cared to know. Yes, mom and dad, I thought I would never say this, but I am thankful for all those awful years of practice and lessons you made me endure.

My Israeli experience

By Nina Handelman

One of the most frequently asked questions in high school is, "Where are you going to college next year?" However, here in Israel, college isn't even a consideration.

I've been spending the last month studying in Israel, at a high school outside of Tel Aviv. I go to school everyday, except for some days our class isn't held in the classroom, but at the top of Masada, or at the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. I will be here for another month, and this column is based on my experiences here and the people, places, and events I've come in contact with. Anytime oetween their high school graduation and the following year, all Israelis 18 years or older await their call to serve in the Israeli armed forces.

The average service time is 15 months for women and 36 months for men, but can vary depending on the position. The jobs range anywhere from desk work or clean-up, to service in the Air Force. The majority of people serve as soldiers, this position is the most desirable to a vast majority of the people I've talked to.

"I want to fight on the front lines. I want to be where there's some risk," said Elad Benda, a junior at Alliance High School in Tel Aviv. Benda, however, will not fight on the front. He is the only son in his family, and his father was a war hero. This guarantees that Benda will have a safer job, possibly in intelligence. The biggest surprise to me is the exuberance the teens that I've talked to have expressed toward entering the army. All students at my school had to be fitted for gas masks during the Iraqi crisis, and that was the closest I want to get to be in any war.

The experience: Fast facts

- **Israelis 18 years or older serve the Israeli armed forces.**
- **The average service time is 15 months for women and 36 months for men.**
- **In schools, all students must be fitted for gas masks.**

"It's an amazing opportunity to have the chance to defend our country," said Avi Goldstein, a senior attending school on the same campus as me. I interviewed a guard that comes on our field trips with us about being in the army. "It's a chance to see what a melting pot Israel is, fighting together with people from all over the world for the same cause," said Ronen. While talking with some Israeli friends of mine, I was talking about coming back here next summer. They were all saying how we'll get to see each other again. It's very scary to think that they could get killed before then, and I may never get the chance.

ON THE SIDE

May Fete

May Fete, an assembly to recognize students, parents, and staff members, will be held on May 8. They will be commended for accomplishments in athletics, academics, and after-school activities.

Ten senior class members will make up a May Fete court. Teachers and administrators will nominate students who should be recognized for their accomplishments. The Senior Class cabinet will then choose from the nominations five females and five males for the court.

"May Fete is a really unique opportunity to honor people behind the scenes of Lincoln who have worked hard," said Senior Class vice president Liz Rutzic"It's their chance to be in the spotlight."

Retiring teachers Connie Speros, Alice Hiser, and Jim Johnsrud, and custodian Stan Parks will be also be honored.

Master Chess Player

Master chess player and alum, Richard Wood, will be teaching the chess team a few tricks Monday May 4. Wood, the 2nd best professional player in Oregon, will be in Room 215 at 2:55 p.m.

"He is one of the most original players in the Northwest. He's a very interesting guy," said Richard Shtivelband, chess team captain.

IP Assembly

Students of the International Perspectives class are working hard preparing an international assembly scheduled for May 15.

The assembly will consist of movies made by students, and International Perspectives teacher, Pam Hall, said, "Let's just say that they have seen Stomp, they like hip-hop, and Jerry Springer is popular these days."

"Each assembly is unique," said Hall. "The kids put it together themselves."

The purpose of the IP class is to have students learn about other cultures, said Hall. Students in the class are from various countries including Macedonia, Bulgaria, Albania, Russia, and Italy. Though many of the students are from other countries, many of the students in the class are Lincoln students.

Class activities have included field trips to the Japanese-American Historical Plaza, having a Japanese-American who was in an internment camp during WWII speak to the class, and having students bring in films from their countries.

Calendar

May

1	Comemencement speeches due
1-2	The Comedy of Errors
4	ISC senior end of the year reports due
7-9	The Comedy of Errors
8	May Fete assembly
6-15	Senior exit interviews
15	International assembly

Saving Energy?

The 1973 energy crisis is upon us. Some say it's the biggest farce since the gas shortage. Unfortunatly, it's not. A simple walk down one of Lincoln's candle-lit hallways will bare this fact out.

Portland Public Schools are planning on saving 10 percent in electrical costs this year by cutting back "unnecessary" use of electricity. One might wonder why this wasn't done two years ago when we were so short of funds, but that's another story.

LOOKING BACK AT THE CARDINAL TIMES

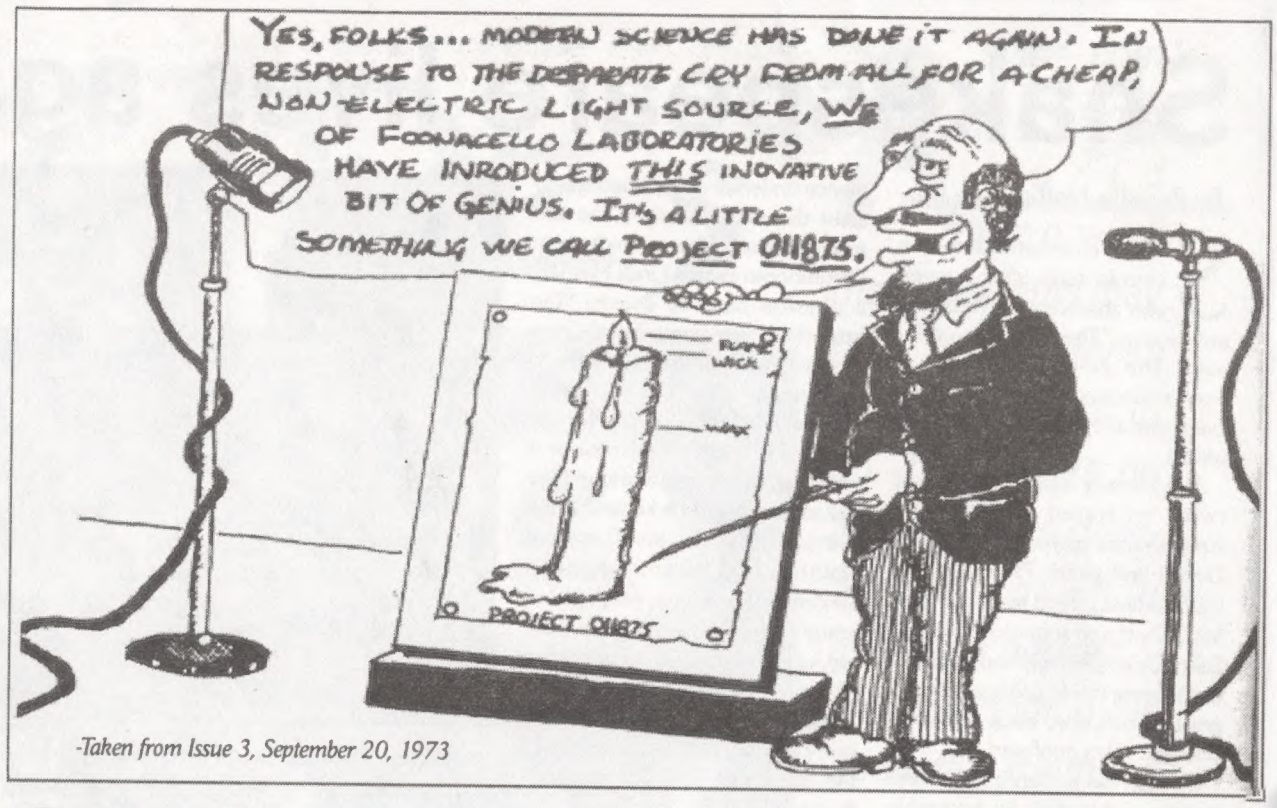
The entire state has reacted to Governor McCall's plea to conserve energy. One of the more noticeable aspects of this program is the elimination of streetlights. These lights were obviously put up for a reason, to protect the lives of motorists. Apparently the State Highway Department thinks it is more important that their air conditioners are working next summer than to save the life of some unwary driver.

We must realize that there are priorities in these matters, and human life is one of them.

The household consumer deserves praise for his efforts in conserving energy, but a look at the downtown skyline at night is evidence that not everyone is concerned. It is these large scale consumers that will be hit first when the power cutbacks are made. At the present time homeowners are sacrificing, and as a consequence, private businesses don't have to.

Let's see who gets tha last laugh when the Portland skyline finally gets dark. Not because busineses have finally decided to cooperate, but because they have been closed down by the energy crisis.

~Sept. 20, 1973


YES, FOLKS... MODERN SCIENCE HAS DONE IT AGAIN. IN RESPONSE TO THE DESPERATE CRY FROM ALL FOR A CHEAP, NON-ELECTRIC LIGHT SOURCE, WE OF FOONACELLO LABORATORIES HAVE INRODUCED THIS INOVATIVE BIT OF GENIUS. IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING WE CALL PROJECT OILITS.
PLANE WICK
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PROJECT OILITS

-Taken from Issue 3, September 20, 1973

ISC: Is it useful?

The International Studies Center is an integral part of this school. ISC brings in approximately 40 percent of our population. But there are some questions that we need to ask: Is ISC really useful, and is it accomplishing its goals?

> Students may actually have to get off their behinds to learn.

According to ISC, the primary goal is to increase diversity and to create a higher cultural awareness among Lincoln students, but is that being met?

The Cardinal Times think so. Look at each of the requirements for ISC. Magnet students have to participate in certain international events and activities to pass and to stay at Lincoln. An International Perspectives class is also available, and there are ample opportunities for students to attend events spotlighting other cultures and gain that cultural awareness.

The only problem is that the student body may not want to learn from ISC. Students don't seem to see the opportunities ISC provides.

What people need to understand is that ISC is for students who want to use it, for people who are willing to commit time to learn about the world around us.

Coordinators Mimi Alkire and Helen Lawrence deserve a pat on the back for maintaining the program throughout all the budget cuts. But it's unfortunate that students don't want to get off their behinds to learn, and use ISC to its full potential.

The new G.A.

The long-delayed Last Vote on the new student body constitution finally took place last Wednesday. The results? All but two of the members of General Assembly present voted in favor of Executive Council's proposal.

One of those two members was the editor-in-chief of *The Cardinal Times*. Her vote reflected not only her personal opinion, but that of the newspaper.

The alternate proposal by the Truth Club, incidentally, was neither discussed nor voted upon at the meeting.

Our verdict?

Next year's council is going to have a jolly good time attempting to weed out the inconsistencies in the new document. They may also face a negative reaction to some of the changes, including one that eliminates a registration room's representation in General Assembly if the selected representative misses four meetings. This was implemented to "trim down" the number of inactive people in G.A., thus making it easier to vote on something that needs to be run through quickly and quietly.

After all, fair and accurate representation of everyone was so inefficient. The new system will run much more smoothly; the bureaucracy of democracy is such a waste.

But even under this new system, there is hope. General Assembly still has the power to propose amendments to this system, and can also veto anything Executive Council votes on.

We issue a challenge to the student body: Get involved. Student government should do more than plan dances and blood drives; it should represent the student body's interests. General Assembly still has the power to take the system back and ensure equal representation for all students, regardless of where they are during second period.

But to do that, its members will have to show up.

Students' voices heard?

Imagine a school with a hundred students in every class. Imagine a school that is only able to offer required courses. Imagine a school without arts or athletics. Imagine a school where you can find your parent's name in the front of your textbooks. Then imagine that school being Lincoln.

If the current level of apathy toward budget cuts continues this could be a reality. Neither taxpayers nor government officials can hear of the school's plight, unless they hear your voice.

Jesse Halsted

Who better to inform others on the hardships and losses that schools, all over the state and even the country, are enduring then those experiencing that reality.

This is the idea behind an essay contest recently started at Lincoln. Sponsored by Executive Council, this contest is intended to "inform local government and business on the true situation of schools through the voice's of the students."

All essays will be sent to local and state government officials such as Mayor Vera Katz, and the State Legislator. In addition there is the possibility that some entries will be printed in local publications such as The Oregonian and Willamette Week.

Essays should be 250-500 words and be turned into the Executive Council box in the main office by May 13. As an added incentive a panel of teachers and students will judge the entries and the winner will receive a $150 prize.

Even if you can't find a use for a $150, that ought to be a lot of you, I urge you to take the time to write an essay. Even if your writing isn't the best your voice can make a difference, your voice can be heard.

Seniors especially should take the time to put something together. Even though we have less than twenty days left (YES!) it is us who have been in high school for the majority of the budget cuts; it is us who can talk about what we have lost. Don't let future classes down by not expressing what they are missing.

Essays can talk about "changes that you have seen occur in the schools over the past five years, personal experiences with the budget cuts, the way schools should be, and programs you would like to see at Lincoln."

If you are interested you can pick up a form in room 104.

"The goal is to make this a district wide effort," said outgoing ASB President Davin Sweeney. For the moment though there are over 1300 students at Lincoln and if everybody were to make an effort that' s would be a pretty loud voice.

It's child's play to live a full life

I remember when I was little and my mom had just bought me some new Osh-kosh overalls. My dad was painting the house a rusty red color, and I decided I liked paint, and put my arm in the red paint up to my elbow, dripping it on my new overalls. Of course my mother wasn't too happy about this, but, hey, I was two. Who really expected that I behave perfectly?

Now I look back on those days and wonder when my childhood left me. Sure, I am still young, but when did I start not acting like a child anymore?

Sarah Melton

I always felt like I had to grow up too fast. It wasn't any pressure from my parents, or the fact that I was the oldest of three. I think it had to do with the fact that children have to grow up too fast these days. Look at television.

The violence is overwhelming, and every commercial and advertisement seems to be grabbing at younger and younger ages to start smoking and to dress a certain way. Children are being left to take care of themselves at younger ages, and there are more and more children on the streets. With all these things to worry about, who has time to be a child anymore?

I have spent my entire life (granted it hasn't been a long one) bemoaning the fact that adults didn't take me or my feelings seriously.

But now as I think about it, that's a good thing. If adults took me seriously, I would have to pay the rent, and I would be loaded down with obligations that I didn't need.

So, for you who strive to be taken seriously by adults, lighten up. And for those who choose to live like children, live life to the fullest. Play on!

Thumbs up to:

The weather this week: Soak the sun up now, because soon the only thing to soak up will be rain.

Academic All-Stars: Congratulations for your hard work.

Thumbs down to:

Jefferson reconstitution: To bad the district can't recognize teachers willing to work on a challenge.

You flip the moose:

Election runoffs: With eight runoffs in the class elections is the no vote option really necessary?

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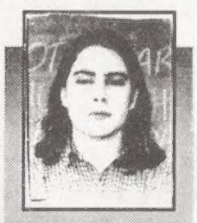
Don't coddle those who fail

My little brother is in the third grade, yet his teacher has never given him a copy of the "times table" for the numbers 1-10. To remedy this, high schools offer general math education.

The problem isn't limited to mathematics. The fundamentals of knowledge, reading, writing, and arithmetic, suffer from a lack of attention because they aren't considered to be exciting enough to hold the attention of students. As a result, "alternative educating methods" supplant actual education. "M&Ms Count and Crunch" replaces the times tables, and "Guess 'n Go" replaces phonics.



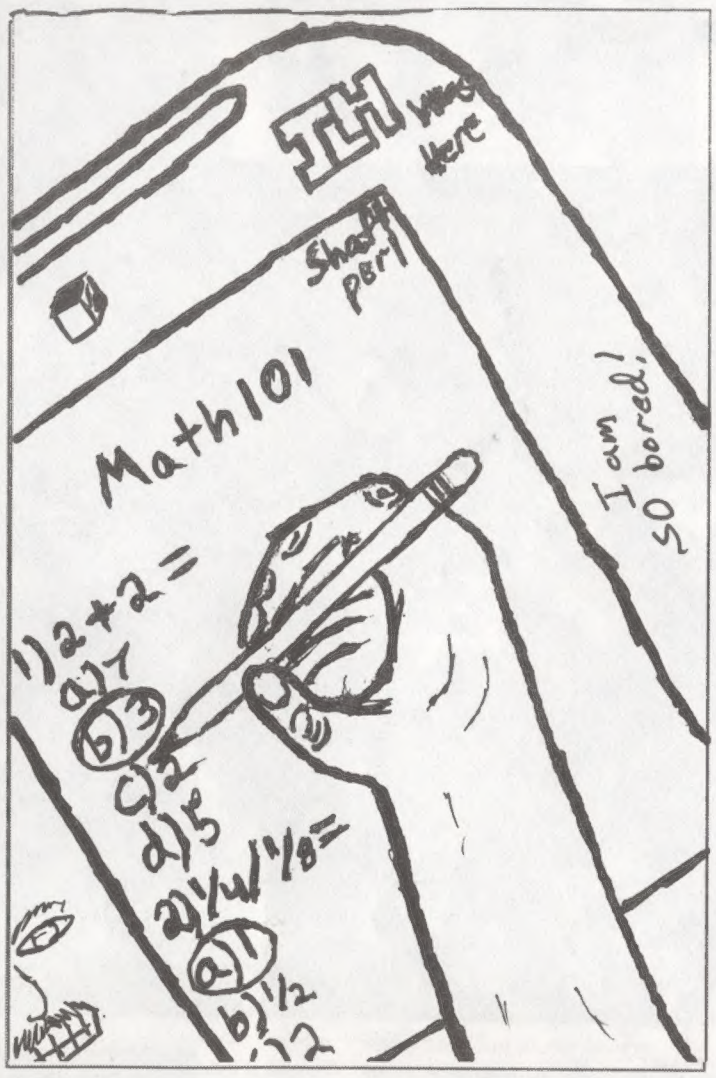
Aaron Patterson

Is it too much to ask that after eight years of schooling, a student know how to read out loud with relatively accurate pronunciation, as well as be able to divide fractions? High school teachers are being forced to teach remedial subjects to students who are the product of a system that puts more value in artificially propped up self esteem than the foundations of knowledge.

The Talented and Gifted program has been reduced to a mere shadow of its former self. In part, this is due to budget cuts, but it is also due to the contemporary mentality regarding special programs for those of above average intelligence: By denoting some students as "smart," you "put down" the rest.

Right. In the same spirit, I suggest we pass a law requiring short people to wear stilts and tall people to cut their feet off.

CIM/CAM attempts to remedy this dilemma, but the CIM doesn't come until the tenth grade. Consequently, it fails to address the most important issue of all: High school should not be a place for playing catch-up. Real, long-lasting self-esteem is derived from enrichment. The way to make students feel good about themselves is to teach them to learn, rather than plunging them into a fantasy world where it's O.K. if you can't read.



ACADEMICS VS. Athletics

Should there be a minimum GPA requirement established for athletes who compete on school teams?

Pro: Push for success

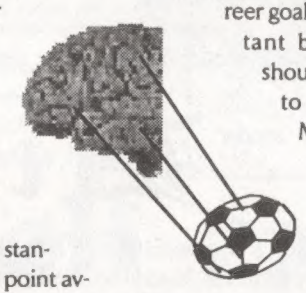
Excellence in athletics at Lincoln has historically been coupled with the high academic standard which is the pride of our school.

Currently, athletes at Lincoln are only held to the district requirement of a .8 grade point average, or a D in five classes and a F in one.

Lach Litwer-Mos

Jefferson and Roosevelt High Schools have instituted a higher grade point requirement for their ahtletes "nifty coach quote here."

At Lincoln, a study was conducted which showed that athletes over all did better academically than non athletes, two sport athletes did better than single sport athletes, and triple sport ahtletes did best of all on the average. So why should we raise the minimum grade point average? Because allowing a student to spend three hours a day at an extracurricular activity when they aren't getting higher than a D in any class, is not is the best interest of the student.



"The minimum standard of a .8 grade point average sends the message that people who just want to play sports can get away with just the bare minimum." said Mr. David Bailey, Lincoln's longest standing coach.

Con: Let athletes choose

Sure, on the surface it looks like a good idea; rewarding those students who do well academically by allowing them to participate in sports while simultaneously pushing those who do poorly to focus on their schoolwork.

However, who are we to set priorities for others? If someone's career goal is not to be an accountant but an acrobat, why should we not allow them to follow their dream? Many low-achieving athletes would drop-out if such a requirement was enacted. And what would we have then? Former athletes without any of the skill sthey need to succeed in life.

A better way to go would be to adapt classes to the athletic world. Why not teach geometry and physics through pool? English could include works by athletes; certainly one can learn about writing styles from Dennis Rodman's *Bad as I Wanna be.* Painting classes could study team logos and drama students team mascots.

Aaron Green-Mitchell

A balance must be struck where those students who shy away from physical activity are moved towards it, and those who prefer the field of play to the field of knowledge will be more included in the classroom.

Voices in the Hall

What do you think of the establishment of minimum grades for participation in sports?

"It's kind of sad that you could participate in sports and have a 0.7 grade point average."
Crissy Cotnam, *senior*

"(The minimum GPA) is good. If people want to be in sports then it helps motivate them."
Tawny Paul, sophomore

"If they are good at it then they should be able to play because Lincoln needs more talented players."
Haley Barcley, *freshman*

"(The minimum GPA) is a good one, I think that the guys who really want to play would make sure that they are passing."
Rich Dodge, *football coach*

"In school there are programs that help people learn, if there are programs that hinder learning, then it is bad."
Lauren Costley, *junior*

"I don't think that athletes should go to school at all, because an athlete can get by on a middle school education."
Abe Gleason, *senior*

Letters to the Editor

Give students their own parking lot

Students need a safe cheap place to park.

Too often our cars are broken into while we sit in class helplees to stop the crime.

Students have lost backpacks, stereo's, cd's and many more expensive items

At other schools around Portland there are student lots or free street parking.

Because the cars are all in one area the students are able to keep an eye out for each others possesionions.

The school could use some of its space for a parking lot for students and charge a small fee which would go towards guarding the lot.

Any excess money gained could go into a general fund for the school that would help cover losses from recent budget cuts because of ballot measures 5 and 47.

In this situation everyone would win, students would be able to pay more attention to their studies knowing that the security of their automobiles and valuables wouldn't be violated, and the school would gain much needed money.

~Chris Leo, senior

GOT BEEF?

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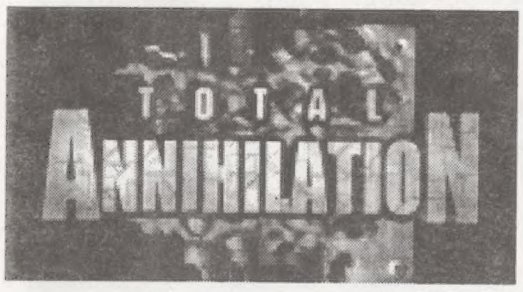
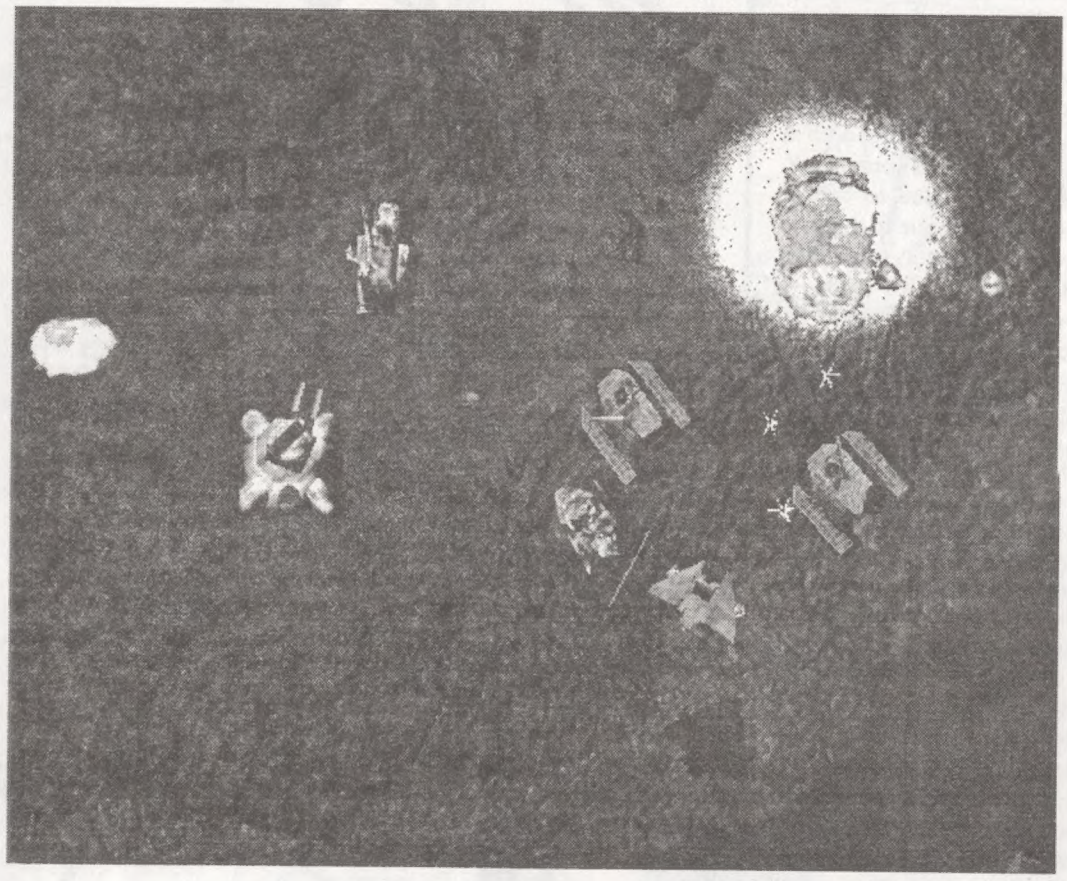
WIRED GAMES

As the computing world grows, many students may find themselves wondering what to do. The games on this page are guaranteed to while away the hours. High technology is speedily dismantling communication barriers, and that means it's dismantling carnage barriers as well.

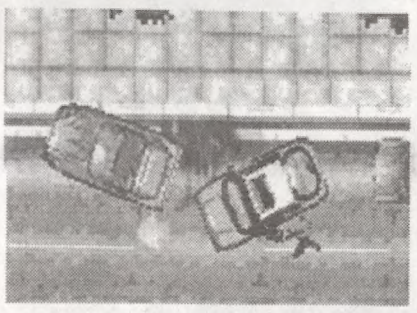


How can any game with a name this cool be bad? "Total Annihilation" leads the pack when it comes to mass-destruction. Fought in a futuristic setting, the goal is simple: Kill everything that moves, and exploit anything that doesn't. Gather metal and energy to build as many robots as possible, then send them forth to annihilate the enemy. This game is host to the most incredible explosions ever to grace a computer monitor. Players have two options when playing: To be the group known as the Arm (rebels), or the Core (the galactic government, intent on transferring human consciousness from flesh to machines).

REVIEWER'S FAVE STRATEGY: Be the Core and mass produce hundreds of souless but intelligent robots that can be hurled into battle without any regard for ethics. "Total Annihilation" is not a mindless game; building an empire requires a shrewd tacitician, and you should plan your infrastructure from the beginning so that you can effectively outproduce the enemy.

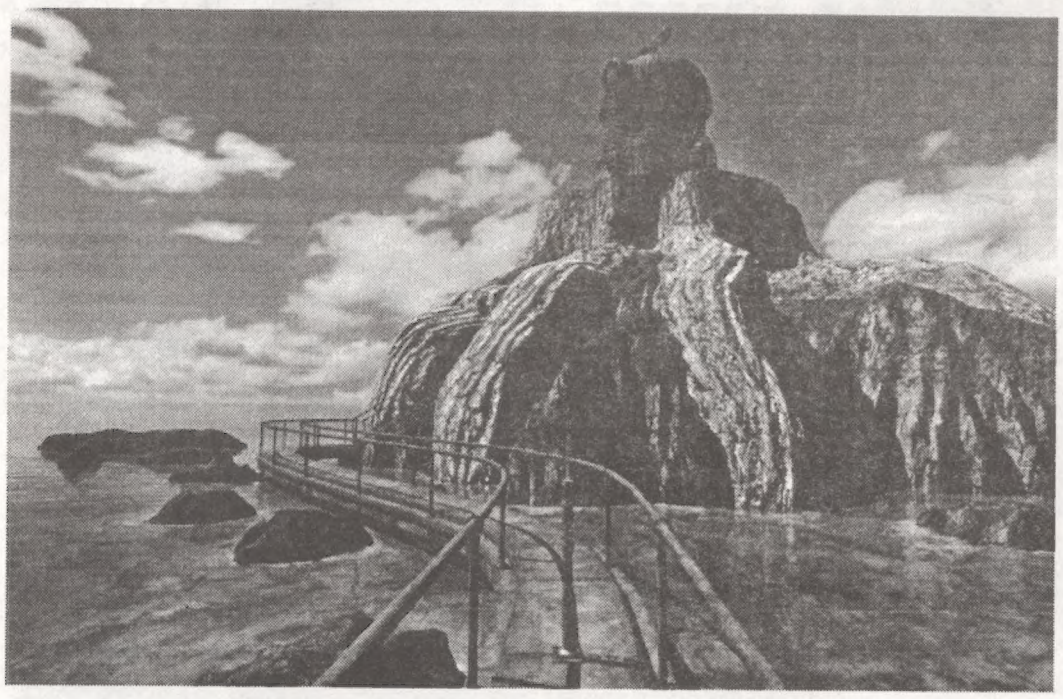


Grand Theft Auto



They say nobody wants to grow up to be a drug dealer. "Grand Theft Auto" is striving fervently to eliminate that stigma. A game that simulates the life of a gang banger, in "Grand Theft Auto" the player drives around in cool cars and offs people for drug lords. In one of the mission briefings, you are told that the new police chief wants a bigger cut, and learn where to find a truck loaded with explosives so you can off him.

REVIEWER'S FAVE STRATEGY: Forget the missions. Find a Viper, and drive around pretending you're cool. Better yet, forget the game - Drive a real Viper. *That's* cool.



Riven

If you've played "Myst," you've played "Riven." If you haven't played "Myst," suffice to say that it is a perverse and convoluted trip through a fantasy world concocted by two men pushing 40.

"Riven" one-ups "Myst." Or rather, it five-ups "Myst," as the entire game is so large it spans FIVE compact discs. This is due to the abundance of cinematic sequences and the sheer volume of stuff in the "Riven" world. There are literally thousands of screens to explore. At one point in the game, the player is required to decode an entire foreign language.

If you like that sort of thing, "Riven" is the game for you. If you don't like that sort of thing, for some inexplicable reason "Riven" is still the game for you - Just like with "Myst," you won't be able to stop playing "Riven." This was okay with "Myst," as that game could conceivably be finished in a few days, but "Rivenitis" may last for over 1000 hours.

REVIEWER'S FAVE STRATEGY: Hold off until summer, and only play it then if you can go for at least 20 days straight without eating, sleeping, or having a life.

HOOK ME UP

Like what you see here? Want the real thing?

If you don't want to shell out the cash, you can find trial versions of most of these games on the Web. One of the best sites is *www.shareware.com*. If you think they're worth the damage, try Software Etc. at Lloyd Center or any other software retail store. Most of these quality games cost around $50.

Quake

For those who like blowing up Australians while listening to Nine Inch Nails, the Quake family of games is utopia. Others should just turn down the volume and connect to a different Quake server. The single player version of the game takes the player through multiple dungeons where all sorts of monsters are killed with weapons ranging from an axe to a rocket launcher.

But, the multi-player function is what makes Quake and its sequel, Quake 2, such international favorites. The multiplayer works modem-to-modem, over the internet, or on a Local Area Network (like Lincoln's). It allows players to hunt each other rather than monsters. Australia is home to many of the better net-based Quake servers. Some servers there have special options like team-play or capture-the-flag. Both editions have pretty low hardware requirements, but setting up the multiplayer for the first time may take a little patience. A favorite strategy? Kill the other guy.

Diablo

"Diablo" is beginning to get a little old by industry standards. In addition, the concept is sort of geeky; the player chooses to be either a Warrior, Rogue, or Sorcerer, and travels through an underground labyrinth filled with demons.

However, there is a certain charm to any game where you can cause fire to spew forth from your hands and watch as the flesh of 50 attackers melts off their bones. "Diablo" uses a 3D view that places the camera up and to the side of your character, so you're able to watch as nasties on any side of your character boil, burn, melt, or explode.

"Diablo" also supports multiplayer games over the Internet, though it's possible to cheat in these games and you may be matched up with another player who is ridiculously powerful. The soon-to-be-released Diablo II will fix that problem, and include more of the above methods of destruction.

REVIEWER'S FAVE STRATEGY: You should go straight to the Sorceror character. It doesn't take long for hand-to-hand fighting to get repetitive and boring in this game, but as a Sorceror you'll always have a new spell to play with. "Diablo's" charm is in the variety of things you can do to enemies.

When playing in multiplayer mode, your best bet is to just cheat yourself - collect all the stuff you can and start killing people. If you don't like cheating in games, it is possible to check out how powerful other people on a "Diablo" server are so you can have a fair fight.

League Standings

Softball

Franklin	12	1
Wilson	10	3
Madison	9	3
Cleveland	9	4
Marshall	6	6
Benson	6	7
Lincoln	***5***	***8***
Roosevelt	5	8
Grant	4	8
Jefferson	0	18

Baseball

Madison	11	1
Roosevelt	9	3
Lincoln	***8***	***4***
Cleveland	7	5
Grant	7	5
Franklin	6	6
Wilson	6	6
Benson	3	9
Marshall	3	9
Jefferson	0	12

Men's Golf

Franklin	8	0
Lincoln	***6***	***1***
Wilson	4	1
Cleveland	5	2
Grant	3	3
Benson	3	5
Madison	2	4
Roosevelt	2	6
Marshall	0	5
Jefferson	0	6

Women's Golf

Lincoln	***4***	***0***
Cleveland	3	1
Wilson	3	1
Franklin	3	2
Benson	2	4
Grant	0	3
Roosevelt	0	4

Men's Track

Benson	5	0
Franklin	4	0
Cleveland	3	1
Grant	3	1
Wilson	2	2
Lincoln	***1***	***3***
Madison	1	3
Marshall	1	3
Roosevelt	1	3
Jefferson	0	4

Women's Track

Lincoln	***5***	***0***
Benson	3	2
Cleveland	3	1
Grant	3	1
Wilson	3	1
Franklin	2	2
Jefferson	2	2
Madison	0	4
Marshall	0	4
Roosevelt	0	4

Athlete GPAs: The real story

The controversial decision on athlete GPA requirements would not have as negative as result as predicted; surveys show that most athletes score way above the minimum requirement

By Joe Streckert

Volleyball players have a reason to gloat now. According to the Lincoln Athletics Department, varsity volleyball players are at the top of the heap in terms of athlete grade point averages, with an average of 3.48. Close behind are varsity women cross-country runners with an overall average of 3.47, the jv women basketball team at 3.41, and jv cross-country women, at 3.39.

Bottoming out the list on the other side of the spectrum are freshman football players, who limp in last with a 2.18 average GPA.

The list was compiled by Athletic Director Mark Brazo after the Portland School Board proposed changing academic requirements for athletes.

The proposal would require all athletes to have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5, surpassing present academic requirements set by the OSAA, which requires all athletes to be passing at least five classes.

"That sounds real great," said Brazo, "but we end up excluding people instead of including them."

The proposal has not gone through the Portland School Board, but Brazo wanted to know which sports would suffer if it passed.

The result: Most freshman football players would be ineligible, and football and mens' basketball on all levels would take substantial losses.

Brazo stressed that academics were important however, "I like having students pass at least five classes," he said, referring to existing OSAA requirements, and made clear that he had no qualms about disqualifying athletes that did not meet present state academic standards and expectations.

He also expressed worries that many students would simply go elsewhere or not go to school at all if the requirements were raised to average levels.

However, the information compiled by Brazo does not suggest that any mass outgoing exodus of athletes due to ineligibility anytime soon.

Twenty six of the 38 levels of athletics at Lincoln had average GPAs over 3.0, with a cumulative average GPA for all athletes of 3.05.

Who's on top...	
VVb	*3.48*
VWCC	*3.47*
JVWBkb	*3.41*
JVWCC	*3.39*
VMCC	*3.35*
Who needs help...	
FFb	*2.18*
JVFb	*2.58*
MVBkb	*2.58*
FBB	*2.65*
MJVBkb	*2.75*

Triumphant tennis teams head to State

By Joe Streckert

Peering from the tops of the league standings, both tennis teams have their eyes set on District and State competition. "We should get the District championship," said women's coach Robert Walker.

The men's number one doubles team, senior Chris Faulman and junior Adam Lewis, as well as single players junior Scott Onder, senior Danny Rubin, and sophomore Creighton Macy.

After beating Franklin on yesterday, the women prepare to ride into Districts with sophomore singles players Megan Buller and Kristen Sunamoto playing doubles. "They should be quite good," said Walker. Singles players for the women at districts include senior Ashley Birdwell and sophomore Laura Manulik.

"I think the whole team is really excited about this year's district competion," said senior mens single player Gerald Palmrose, "Hopefully we'll contend for the State title."

Nina Handleman

Whap!: The tennis teams gear up for another swipe at state competition

Frisbees flyin'

By Nina Handelman

Lincoln's Ultimate Frisbee League will open its second season this weekend at Wallace Park, with all of the nine participating teams playing, except the Muskrats who have a bye. "This year we have more teams than last year, and hope to be more organized," said Liam McGranahan, one of the main organizers of the league.

"Its great competition, and a chance to enjoy the weather," said senior Eric Guth, a member of the Gorilla Tactics. Junior Adam Seskin, a member of the Budz, says that the league is a "great way to stay physically fit". Last year, the Budz were undefeated, and "hope to stay undefeated again, and shutout all opponents," said Seskin.

The league is made up of nine teams, ranging from grades at Lincoln. The teams are divided into brackets, and proceed into a tournament at the end of the year. There are weekend games, and the season last until the end of the school year.

The Scorecard

Tennis

After beating Franklin away on Thursday, the women's varsity will head into Districts with the men's team, beginning Saturday, May 9.

Track

The women beat the Cleveland track team, and the men's results are still not official from the track meet at Cleveland on Thursday. Next up the Cards race at Grant on May 6.

Baseball

The baseball team plays Franklin away today at 4:15, and next week plays Jefferson on Tuesday and Benson on Friday, both at home.

Golf

The men's golf team beat Roosevelt at home on Monday, and plays Franklin on Tuesday, May 5, at home.

The women's team placed third at the St. Mary's Invitational, and Ghost Creek Pumkin Ridge, shooting 354 as a team. They face Franklin on Monday, May 4, and then head to Districts.

All the homies keep it tight without the dank and the drank.

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THE CT REVIEWS

Music

Montell Jordan

Let it Ride, Def Jams Recording

★★★

By Vanessa Bunnell

The long awaited sequel to "This is how we do it" arrives with the hit single "Let's ride" featuring Master P and Silkk "The Shocker." Most of Jordan's songs are the usual slow, love making cuts that make you want to curl up and go to sleep. Few exceptions are made with featured artists like Lil' Bo Peep, Redman and Pastor Clarence E.McClendon.

Instead of wasting your money on this, dub it from a friend or just buy the single.

Movie

The Big Hit

Tri-Star Pictures

★★★

By Brodie Lewis

The "Big Hit" is what can only be described as a mixed bag. It possibly begins with ther plot, which is a hit man that tries to get everyone to like him. This seems to be somewhat of an oxymoron.

This movie has bad acting by everyone except the star, Mark Wahlberg, has a bad storyline, and some of the worst jokes ever, which got less funny every time they were repeated, which happens to be a lot. Of course, it also had awesome fight scenes, fast cars, and lots of complicated-looking guns. So overall, the movie was pretty good. Of course, it might just be my bias that I cannot degrade any movie that has Producer/Director John Woo's name in the credits. Woo is someone who has always relied on action to carry the viewer through the slow parts, anyways, so this is no change.

An added bonus to this movie: nowhere in it is there a reference to Mark Wahlberg's "member."

Television

Love Boat: The Next Wave

UPN, 8:00 p.m. Monday

★

By Liam McGranahan

Shows like this one are the reason people commit suicide. It is a Monday night, you just finished your homework and are looking forward to Tuesday. So, you decide to watch a little television. Knowing that UPN is always filled with quality programming you automatically flip to channel twelve and what do you find? The most retched spew that has come out of your television since Kathie Lee Gifford's Christmas show.

Robert Ulrich plays the part of the Captain on the new Love Boat and he is horrible. In fact everyone on the show is horrible. I felt actual physical pain while watching the show. Please, do not watch.

★★★★ Best ever! Worth your life savings.
★★★ Pretty darn good. Break the piggybank!
★★ Okay—Maybe worth a week's allowance.
★ Possibly worth a freshman.
Free is still too expensive.

Dirty, crazy, and high: The Crazy Eight Retrospective

The After Hours staff takes a look at what has long been considered the retarded son of the CT

The Crazy Eight ways you know if you are a good sport:

1. You can smile when someone takes a bite of your candy.
2. You can refrain from "pasting" the person who hit you while you were getting books from your locker.
3. You can laugh when the joke is on you.
4. You can remail calm when you've ripped your last stocking.
5. You break your nail typing and don't make a mess of the rest of the line.
6. You say you don't know the answer without beating around the bush.
7. You can pick up the books you just dropped on the stairs without looking around to see if anyone noticed.
8. You honestly hope your best friend has a good time on a date when you haven't got one.

By the CT Staff
Volume 37, Issue 3
October 19, 1936

Bored in Class? Here's the Crazy Eight 70 ways to help time fly:

1. Yell "It's snowing!"
12. Actually pay attention.
15. Throw things across the room.
25. Mimic the teacher.
26. Get a date.
29. Start to bleed.
33. Undress someone with your eyes.
40. Start a wave with the people in your row.
43. Make fake boogers with rubber cement.
45. Sniff White-Out
46. Scotch tape your face into weird positions.
60. Pick at your navel for lint.
61. Start moaning
69. Whittle your pencil.

To preserve space, 56 of these have been omitted. They weren't that funny anyways.

By Matthew Kennedy
Volume 93, Issue 6
December 14, 1990

The Crazy Eight Dirty Dozen: Top 12 things to do at break:

12. Windowshop at the vending machines.
11. Clean the chew spit out of the drinking fountain.
10. Walk halfway to Red Wagon.
9. Look out for Wilson students with paint cans.
8. Break into someone's car and steal their parking permit.
7. Help Joyce Andersen take down MUN signs.
6. Try to find the ISB staff.
5. Guess which men's room is locked today.
4. Memorize the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.
3. Look through the garbage for recyclable items.
2. Bribe the metermaid.
1. Repaint the school.

By the CT Staff and Ethan Knight
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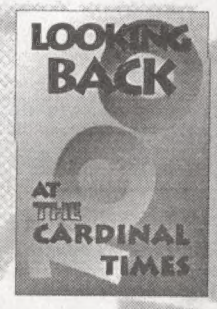

The Crazy Eight The Neato Nine: The top reasons to come back to Lincoln:

9. You have to.
8. You were getting a little too good a Classic Concentration.
7. Fluorescent lights bring out the best in people.
6. The orange halls.
5. Because education is important, darn it!
4. You're looking forward to your next ulcer.
3. To get your yearbook, um, well, nevermind.
2. Getting to say "hi" to people you don't really care about in the halls.
1. To read the neato nine.

By the CT Staff
Volume 96, Number 1
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High Five

The Crazy Eight High Five: Ways to spot Portland's next Rose Queen"

5. The spotlight glistens off the Vaseline on her teeth that special way.
4. Her hair stands three inches off her head, and she isn't even being electrocuted.
3. Each judge greets her with a wink and a familiar smile.
2. The vice principal introduces her as "Babycakes."
1. Twenty-five percent of her G.P.A is based on "poise."

By Mike Schmierbach
Volume 98, Issue 7
April 24, 1995

The Crazy Eight Super 7: Excuses for not doing well on finals:

7. The guy next to me got the wrong answers.
6. The voices in my head distracted me.
5. I was nearly trampled by wild hogs.
4. I'm a leper.
3. My teacher has it in for me.
2. The fumes from my hairspray made me dizzy.
1. You mean you weren't supposed to make designs in the bubbles?

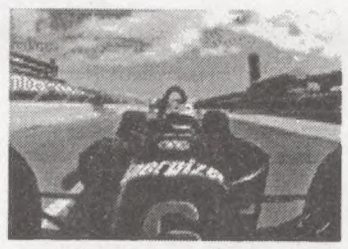
By the CT Staff
Volume 99, Issue 6
January 29, 1997

Weekend Picks: a movie weekend

By Vanessa Bunnell

Get your motor running

Take the ride of a lifetime in a five story omnimax dome. Fasten your seat belts for 'Super Speedway' and learn about the technology of openwheel car racing used by professionals.



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Kickin' butt at Clinton

This weekend at the Clinton Street Theater it's a veritable who's who of Hong Kong action. With two movies starring Chow Tun Phat and Jackie Chan, any self-proclaimed Kung-Fu or action fan will be in the front row, revelling over being able to see these two movies on the big screen for the first time since last year's hit "Hong Kong Action Festival" at Cinema 21. The movies are: "The Drunken Master," an oldie in which Jackie chan plays an alcoholic Kung-Fu master; and "Hard Boiled," starring Chow Yun Phat as the hero of what is possibly the best movie to come from John Woo, who recently made Hollywood fame with the movies "Face-Off" and "The Big Hit."

Show times at the Clinton St, Theater (2522 S.E. Clinton St.) are 7 p.m.. Monday, May 4, through Sunday, May 10, for the "Drunken Master," and 9 p.m. on the same days for "Hard Boiled." Admission is $3.75.

HE GOT GAME

Today marks the release of Spike Lee's eighth full length film, "He Got Game." This is Lee's second film with Denzel Washington, and in this one he plays an inmate in the state penitentiary who will be released if he can convince his son, a baskewtball prodigy, to assists the alma mater of the Governor, who made the deal with Washington. The movie is a close look at college and professional basketball, which are two of Lee's favorite things. The soundtrack, which was released a week ago, has also been widely anticipated, because it is the first realease from seminal hip-hop group Public Enemy in eight years.